

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1116

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert D. Martin for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our society and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Martin is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as executive assistant to Representative Joshua Evans, which began in January 2010, Mr. Martin has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of House District 66 and this legislative body as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a learned individual with a profound interest in the world of politics, Mr. Martin, a HOPE scholarship recipient, is a 2008 graduate of Belmont College and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. He has been selected to enter Belmont's school of law in the fall of this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, fundamental character traits that served him well in his successful quest to become an Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, adroit in his abilities to research and assimilate information and manage diverse and complex projects, Mr. Martin has distinguished himself as a keen motivator who can readily hasten those around him to civic and governmental involvement; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating his effectiveness in multiple venues, Mr. Martin worked in the congressional office of the Honorable Marsha Blackburn, was a field representative for the College Republican Committee, and worked in the campaigns of John McCain and Fred

Thompson, U. S. Senator Bob Corker, Congresswoman Blackburn, Jim Bryson, and Bob Krumm; and

WHEREAS, during his college years, Mr. Martin was politically active, serving as the executive director of the Tennessee College Republican Federation, chairman of the Belmont University College Republicans, as a member of the Belmont University Program Board, as a member of the Executive Board, and as chair of the Variety Committee; and

WHEREAS, this venerable Tennessean has long been an active supporter of Boy Scouts of America; Mr. Martin has spent ample time during many summers counseling and instructing at Boy Scout camping activities in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with ingenious wit and a dapper demeanor, Mr. Martin has endeared himself to his many colleagues and friends in the legislative arena and throughout the 66th House District, proving himself always loyal, trustworthy, and dependable. In fact, he is so well-liked within and beyond the legislature that he actually has two Facebook pages just to contain the digital discourse with his countless comrades and admirers; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Martin is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his infinite contributions to the cause of excellence in government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert D. Martin for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a legislative aide extraordinaire and proud member of the legislative family of this General Assembly. We salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.